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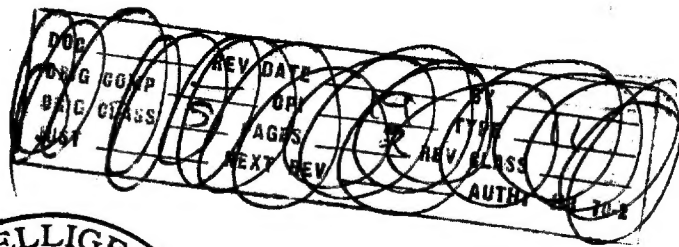
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This report presents the negative results of a photographic search for atomic bomb test sites in the triangle formed by Semipalatinsk, Balkash and Karaganda, USSR.

25X1A Only one mission of [REDACTED] photography covers this area. This mission proceeds generally west to northeast entering the area of interest a few miles south of Karaganda and departing approximately halfway between Karaganda and Semipalatinsk.

The quality of this photography is uniformly poor and photo analysis was further hampered by small scale, snow cover and clouds. No suspect areas were observed on the photographs. However, because the above mentioned cloud and snow cover and poor quality photography could readily conceal or obliterate all evidence of atomic bomb test sites, this report must not be assumed to eliminate the photographed area from its suspect status.

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